MINUTES August 11, 2020

The Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst was held on the above date with Mayor McLaughlin presiding and Commissioner McLoughlin and Commissioner Bolan answering the roll call. Also in attendance was the Borough Clerk and Borough Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with a salute to the flag.

Mayor McLaughlin announced that the notice requirements of R.S. 10:4-18 had been satisfied by delivering the required notice to the Coaster, posting the notice on the board in Borough Hall and filing a copy of said notice with the Borough Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS:

NJAW Hearing Notice regarding a Distribution System Improvement Charge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #2020-188

A RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND APPROVE MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2020 be ratified and approved.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-189 A RESOLUTION TO DISPENSE WITH READING OF MINUTES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Clerk dispense with the reading of the Regular Meeting of July 28, 2020.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-190 A RESOLUTION TO HIRE SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

WHEREAS, the Borough of Allenhurst has a need to hire seasonal employees to serve as summer staff for the Allenhurst Beach Club and public beach; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst that the following people be hired for the 2020 summer season commencing August 1, 2020:

Arely Ramirez Vargas	Maintenance	\$16.00	Hour
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VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-191

A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT SECRETARY TO THE PLANNING BOARD

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm Bolan

WHEREAS, Alison Gavin, Planning Board Secretary, had tendered her resignation effective August 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Board of Commissioners thank her for her service; and, WHEREAS, Alison Gavin, has agreed to stay on as a Special Consultant to the new Planning Board Secretary until the transitional training is complete; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has determined to make an appointment to

the position of Secretary to the Planning Board and Special Consultant to the Planning Board Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst, as follows:

Kelly Barrett, be and she is hereby appointed Secretary to the Planning Board commencing at 12:01 AM, on August 1, 2020 and terminating December 31, 2020, at an annual salary of \$15,000.00 to be prorated from August 1st through December 31st; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst, as follows:

Alison Gavin, be and she is hereby appointed special consultant to the Secretary to the Planning Board commencing at 12:01 AM, on August 1, 2020 and terminating when it is determined that the transitional training is complete.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-192 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT TAX ASSESSOR

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

WHEREAS, after many years of faithful service to the Borough of Allenhurst, Peter Barnett has elected to retire from his position as Borough Tax Assessor, with a year left on his term. The Board of Commissioners hereby thanks Mr. Barnett for his many years of service; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:9-148, the Borough of Allenhurst must appoint a new Tax Assessor to fill the vacancy in Mr. Barnett's unexpired term, beginning on August 16, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, after conducting a search, the Board of Commissioners has determined to appoint Gail Scaglione as the Tax Assessor to fill the unexpired term vacated by Mr. Barnett's retirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst that Gail Scaglione be and is hereby appointed as Tax Assessor to serve out the unexpired term vacated by the retirement of Mr. Barnett beginning on August 16, 2020 and ending on July 31, 2021; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Scaglione be compensated at an annual salary of \$8,000.00 for her service fulfilling the aforesaid unexpired term; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of said Resolution shall be forwarded to the following:

- 1. Director, Division of Taxation
- 2. Administrator, Board of Taxation
- 3. Administrator of the Municipality
- 4. Tax Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough Administrator/Clerk shall maintain a copy of this resolution on file in her Office and make the same available for public inspection during regular business hours.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-193 A RESOLUTION TO HIRE FULL-TIME DISPATCHER

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

WHEREAS, There is a need for a Full-Time Dispatcher;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following are hereby hired as a Full-Time Dispatcher starting August 16, 2020:

Full-Time Dispatcher

Esai Williams

\$24,960/year

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-194 A RESOLUTION TO AMEND WAGES FOR DISPATCHER

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm Bolan

WHEREAS, Chief Michael Schneider requested that the wage for Full-Time Dispatcher

Lynda Rodriguez be raised;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners that the hourly wage of Full-Time Dispatcher Lynda Rodriguez be increased to \$24,960/year effective August 16, 2020.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-195 A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM PURCHASES

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, Purchases were made for amounts over \$1,000.00 and it is the policy of the Borough that the Board of Commissioners approve or confirm said purchases; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following contracts are hereby confirmed:

C&C Air and Heat	\$3,428.00	New AC – Fire House
Michael Caruso	\$1,400.00	Music at the ABC

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-196 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm. Bolan

WHEREAS, State law permits the exclusion of public in certain circumstances; and, WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Allenhurst finds that such circumstances currently exist; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners will make public, minutes of the closed session when confidentiality no longer exists;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners that they are hereby authorized to enter into closed session to discuss legal/contractual matters which are exempt from the public meeting under the Sunshine Law.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2019-197 A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER MORATORIUM WAIVERS

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

WHEREAS, The Borough has received several requests for the waiver of the provisions of the construction moratorium; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners has reviewed the waiver requests; and,

WHEREAS, Under the provisions of granting approval for a waiver for the period ending 5 PM on August 25, 2020, the following provisions shall be adhered to:

- 1. No construction activities prior to 8:00 AM or after 5:00 PM daily.
- 2. No construction activities on weekends.
- 3. No construction activities on Thursday, July 4, 2019.
- 4. No dumpsters on property or heavy equipment permitted. No construction debris on outside of property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the following requests for waiver of the provisions of the construction moratorium are hereby approved/denied:

1. **Shamah, Moses – 108 Allen** for 15 Day Elevator Install and Inspections, a 40 day process in total, as detailed below:

Trades Involved with Installation

Trade	Men	Days	Hrs per day	Task		
Electrical -	2 Men	3 Days	8 AM- 5PM	Wire Elevator, Elevator room		
Mason-	2 Men	2 Days	8 AM-5PM	Pit floor adjustment 13 inches		
from finished floor						
Fire Sprinkler-	2 Men	2 Days	8 AM-4PM	Change Sprinklers heads for		

Drywall Application

Steel - 2 Men 1 Day 8 AM-5PM Install Life Line Bracket (Designed by David Collins)

Drywall- 2 Men 2 Days 8 AM-4PM Drywall Elevator area and

Elevator room

Framer- 2 Men 1 Day 8 AM-5PM Elevator wall framing

Tools Being Used to complete work by Trade

Electrical- Battery operated Drills

Mason- Hand held concrete electric mixer (basement)

Fire Sprinkler- Hand Wrench, Battery operated Drill

Steel- Battery operated Drill, Hand held welding torch

Drywall- Battery operated Drill

Framer- Battery operated nail gun, Battery operated circular saw

Handi Lift Elevator company and other Trades 15 Days

The first 5 days

Install the rails

Get a running platform

Handi Lift will then pull off for 5 days so you can

Landing walls

Trades- Framer, Mason, Electrical, Steel will complete their work in 5 day period

Handi Lift will then return for 5 days

Complete all electrical

Fine tune the unit

Build the cap

Any loose ends

Handi Lift will then pull off for GC to

Build cab floors

Phone line

Landing floors

Fire service

Trades- Fire Sprinkler, Drywall - Will Complete their work in a 2 day period

Handi Lift will then return for

Pre inspection

After pre inspection is done and the unit passes on our end a request for final inspection and turnover will be made. On the day of the final inspection / turnover a representative for the synagogue will need to be present as well as the fire inspector. The turnover is a 15-20 minute class on how to operate the unit and some paperwork to be filled out.

Extension APPROVED with conditions:

- No work or set up begins before 9am and all work ends by 5pm sharp.
- All trucks must park in driveway even if doing deliveries No double parking or blocking the road
- Contractors is aware that non-compliance with these conditions may result in a summons being issued.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

RESOLUTION #2020-198 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BILLS (8-1-2020 to 8-15-2020)

Offered By: Comm. McLoughlin Seconded By: Comm, Bolan

BE IT RESOLVED, That bills totaling \$958,031.86 be approved for payment; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the August 15, 2020 consolidated bill list be attached hereto and made a part thereof.

VOTE: Comm. McLoughlin-AYE; Comm. Bolan-AYE; Mayor McLaughlin-AYE

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor McLaughlin spoke about the recent power outage and the concerns of residents. He advised that the Borough has little to no control over the power company and their operations during these types of emergencies. The Governor's orders are that the power company restore power to the most amount of people as quickly as possible. As a result, a small town such as Allenhurst will generally be at the bottom of the pecking order in times of largescale outages. The Mayor advised that he recognizes that there are issues with communication from the power

company and that he has advised the local representative that towns need more specific information during these periods. He understands how frustrating these situations are.

The Borough Administrator added that it is very important that residents call and report their outages directly to JCP&L. All individual outages are logged by the company, and as the number of outages can impact the order in which restoration is made, it is optimal for every outage to be reported.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jennifer Krimko, Esq. asked the Board for clarification on what is considered general maintenance and would is allowed during the Summer Moratorium, specifically in regards to landscaping. She requested that the Board consider amending the existing ordinance to be more specific. The Mayor advised that the Ordinance will be looked at the revisions will be considered. He also advised that tasks that require only hand shoveling are not discouraged. What is discouraged are tasks that require chain saws and heavy equipment. The intent of the summer moratorium is to have 8 weeks of quiet and peace for the town during the summer.

Ms. Krimko advised that the difficulty that some residents have is that if they feel they are restricted beyond the ordinance, appealing that decision is fruitless as any resolution would likely be decided after the moratorium period was over. Commissioner Bolan advised that compliance with the moratorium is asking for people to be good neighbors, and considering whether a task needs to be done immediately or if it could be delayed. Ms. Krimko advised that the particular client she is referring to is a good neighbor, and has chosen to delay the requested task.

The Borough Administrator clarified that she had requested that Ms. Krimko send an email with the specifics are what her client was requesting so that the extent of the work could be reviewed, as specifics were not provided. Ms. Krimko stated she misunderstood the request and would discuss with the Borough Administrator outside of the meeting.

The Mayor extended condolences to the family of Robert Klimowicz, a long-time Allenhurst resident who passed away last week.

Phil M., in a comment, complemented the beach operation for this summer and was grateful to the town for opening during the pandemic.

There being no further business or comments, Commissioner McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Bolan that the meeting move to executive session at 8:27 PM. Motion carried.

After reconvening, Commissioner McLoughlin moved, seconded by Comm. Bolan that the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 PM. Motion carried.

Donna M. Campagna, RMC Borough Clerk/Administrator